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Technology in Education

Technology is a quickly growing trend in education. Not only is technology taking over the world, but it is also taking its place in education. Years ago, technology was only an afterthought in schools, but in recent years it has become one of the main sources for teachers to use to help in teaching their students. Not only do students use it more at home for their school work, they are now also using more in the classrooms. In the classrooms, there are now more computers laptops, tablets, and even iPads. Technology is having a major impact on student's education and the way that teachers teach. This impact seems to be a positive one since the world is already adapting to be more technological so it's only right that education should be influenced by it as well. Teachers, articles, and from experience has proven that technology has had a positive influence on education and it will continue to do so for years to come.

The teacher that I have been working with loves the use of education in the classroom. She frequently uses the computer in her lessons, and loves to let the students use their tablets and laptops to do more learning activities. She said that it took her awhile to adapt to the use of technology in the classroom, but since she has gotten used to using it more, it has been very beneficial to her students and herself. She pointed out that there are so many apps and websites that are educational and fun for the students to use. She also said that not only does it help her students learn, but it also helps her as the teachers. She can keep up with students' grades, keep up with her lesson plans, keep in contact with parents, and to communicate easily with her

colleagues. She thinks that in the future technology is only going to evolve more in the school systems, and it can only improve students' way of learning.

Students seem to be more engaged with the use of technology. From my own experience of watching students in the classroom they seem to really love to be able to use a tablet or a laptop to do their schoolwork. The teacher that I have been working with showed me how she can teach lessons right from the computer and the smart board. She also showed me some websites that have some great tools for teachers to use, and some that students can use. I can see how I can use technology in the future in my own classroom and how beneficial it is going to be for me and for my students. Future teachers should adapt to the use of technology because it is such an innovative tool that can enhance their teaching and enhance their students' learning.

In *The Huffington Post*, Sarah Wike Loyola wrote an article "The Most Powerful Tool in the Classroom" that talks about the use of the internet in the classrooms. In her article, she talks about how for years the classroom has been used to only the teacher and the textbook as its source of knowledge. But in recent years the method of teaching has changed drastically. According to Loyola (2014), "The most influential tool in the classrooms of today is the Internet, and districts, schools, and/or teachers that are not dealing with this reality are truly doing a huge disservice to their students." (para. 5). This is very true because the world is becoming revolved around technology, and for teachers and students not to utilize it in the classroom is only hurting both the teachers and the students, as it could greatly improve the students' education. Loyola (2014) also pointed out, "The students of today have access to a colossal amount of information. We must take this into consideration if we are going to prepare them for the modern workplace and a future so technologically advanced that it is inconceivable at this moment." (para. 9). Not only must we use technology to help the students in the classroom, we must also prepare them

for the world after they achieve their educational goal. Technology is only expanding and we must utilize it to our advantage and expand our knowledge as well as our students' knowledge.

Over the last decade technology has become an important part of the people in this world's everyday lives. Technology is only going to expand in the school systems as time goes on. Most people use technology in almost everything that they do, and a lot of people can't go a day without using some type of technology. Teachers, students, and parents are going to see technology used more in their everyday lives, so they can only expect to see it used more in education. The world of technology has grown significantly, and it can be used in so many ways that can help students become successful in their education. Teachers should adapt to the use of technology in their classroom, because it can help them and their students improve education in tremendous ways. If teachers, parents, and students utilize technology in its fullest potential then they can help each other to make all students have an academically successful educational experience. Technology is so important in schools, and it needs to be used as much as possible because there are so many tools that can be used to help both teachers and students with teaching and learning.

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